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Washington, D.C. 20505

30 January 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William J. Perry  
Chairman, IR&D Council  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: R&D for HUMINT ☐

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1. In early December, we talked briefly about R&D for HUMINT activities. You very helpfully expressed your concern at having the R&D community probe into this sensitive area unless there was some good prospect of payoff. I mentioned that our principal needs are in the communications area but said I'd look into this and let you know just what those needs are with the thought that if they trigger the possibility in your mind that there is something that R&D can do here, we might want to explore it further. ☐

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2. Our major technical needs for HUMINT are in covert communications of the following kinds:

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3. I expect that there is not much new here to you but I just wanted to run these by you in case. Thanks. ☐

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